THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b). No. Sir, No major technology breakthrough has been achieved by Indian Scientists so far.

(c) Presently the following laboratories in India are pursuing research in the area of fusion:

1. Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Trombay, Bombay.
2. Centre for Advanced Technology, Indore.
3. Institute for Plasma Research, Gandhinagar.
4. Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Calcutta.

Theoretical and experimental studies are being conducted in these laboratories towards understanding the physics & technological issues connected with Nuclear Fusion Energy.

Value of Land in Delhi

930. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the value of vacant land available in Delhi with the Union Government and Delhi Administration at current market prices;

(b) whether the Government have prepared any project for optimum utilisation of land in Delhi and raise resources for construction of dwelling units for the poor; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

[*Translation*]

Growth Rate of Uttar Pradesh

931. SHRI SHIV SHARAN VERMA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the growth rate of Uttar Pradesh is less than that of the other States;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to increase the growth rate of Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The annual growth in Net State Domestic Product of Uttar Pradesh in 1989-90 (as per the latest date based on Quick Estimates) was 3.25 per cent which was lower than that of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Tripura and West Bengal; and higher than that of Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.

(b) Growth rates differ among States for a variety of reasons, some among them being the historically uneven development of the infrastructure, industry and entrepreneurship, and the year to year variations in rainfall and the consequent drought and floods.

(c) The Government of Uttar Pradesh has been implementing development plans for increasing the growth rate. These plans include investments/outlays for the development of infrastructure, industry, agriculture, irrigation, rural development, education and

health etc., and also inplemenation of direct employment generation porogrammes to increase the income of the poor.

Import of Edible Oils

932. SHRI HARI KEWAL PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of edible oils imported during the last three years;

(b) the total foreign exchange paid for the import of these oils;

(c) whether Government are formulating any scheme for becoming self reliant in the matter of edible oils; and

(d) if so, the details of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). The quantity of edible oils imported during the last three financial years with CIF value thereof is as under:

Year	*Qty.of Import (Lakh MTs)*	*CIF Value (Rs. in crore)*
1988-89	10.89	765.16
1989-90	2.96	203.60
1990-91	5.38	349.95

(c) and (d). The Government of India is taking steps for becoming self reliant in the production of edible oils. The Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) of the Government of India is being implemented in 18 States. The cost is shared on 75:25 basis between the Centre and the States. Under OPP, subsidy is being given for inputs like seeds, plant protection chemicals and equipment, improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhyzobium culture packets, gypsum and pyrites.

[English]

Setting up of Housing Board

933. SHRI TARA CHAND KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to set up a separate housing board to meet the housing needs of the capital; and

(b) if so, the time by which the housing board will be set up and start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b). The Government had taken a decision to restructure DDA involving inter-alia the setting up of a separate Housing Board. However, since the proposal requires a careful consideration and a number of administrative and legislative steps are required to be taken in pursuance of the decision it may not be possible to give any definite time frame by which the new Housing board will be created.

[Translation]

Setting up of Industry in Rural Areas in Uttar Pradesh

934. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state: